

## **Additional Information about Tennessee's Belt-Positioning Booster Seat (BPBS) Requirements**

### **Does Tennessee law require the use of BPBS in school buses with a GVWR greater than 10,000 lbs.?**

No

### **Does Tennessee law require the use of BPBS in school buses with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less if federal law did not require the vehicle to be manufactured with lap belts or lap and shoulder belts?**

No

### **When is a BPBS required under Tennessee law?**

1. In passenger motor vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less that were required by federal law to be manufactured with lap belts or lap and shoulder combination belts; and,
2. For children ages four (4) through eight (8) years and measuring less than four feet nine inches (4'9") in height.

### **Where must the BPBS be placed in the vehicle under Tennessee law?**

A BPBS must be placed in a rear seat if available or according to the child safety restraint system or vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

### **What types of BPBS are acceptable under Tennessee law?**

Any BPBS that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and is used according to child safety restraint system and vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

### **What are my options if a BPBS will not work with the seats in my bus?**

There are a number of add-on devices/systems that meet or exceed the protection provided by a BPBS. Add-on devices/systems must be FMVSS compliant and be used according to the child safety restraint system and vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

It may also be possible to replace the existing seat with an upgraded bus seat that has an adjustable shoulder strap (which eliminates the need for a booster seat).